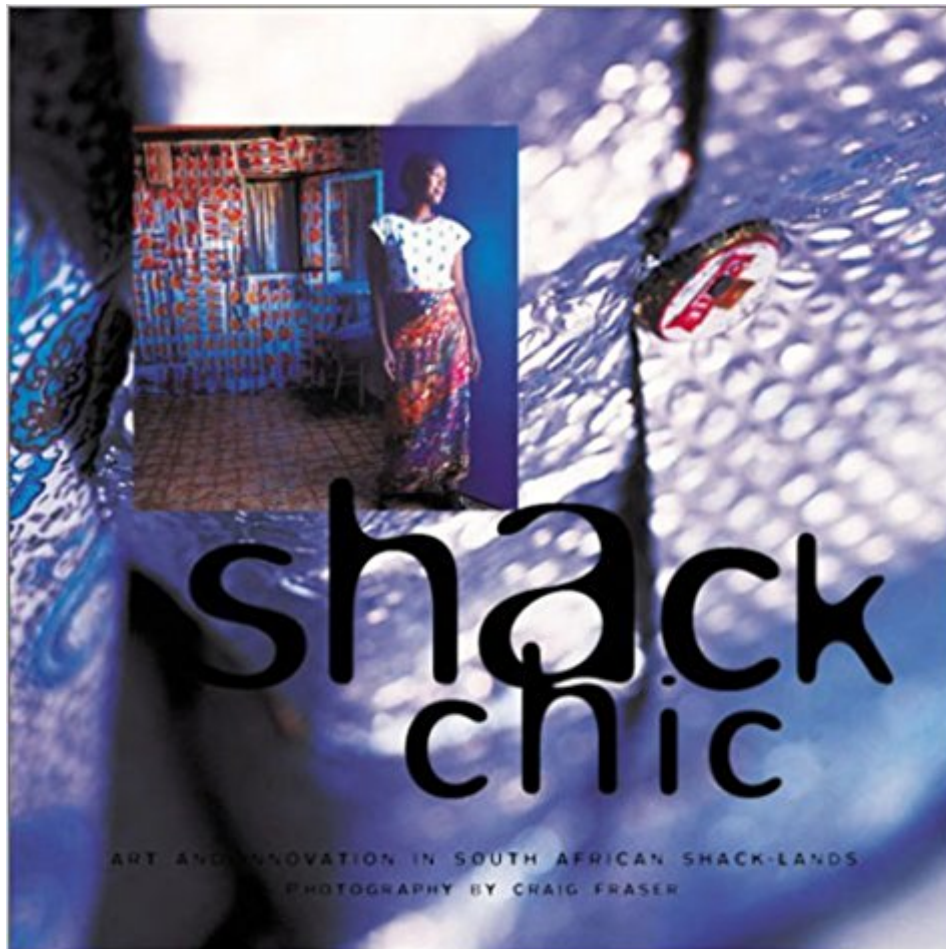




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Synopsis

The triumph of artistic tenacity over adversity is brought to life in Craig Frasers Vibrant Images, which capture the style and innovation of South Africas Shack Dwellers.

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'This book started out as an attempt to photograph interior decoration in one or two roomed shacks. It proved to be hugely inspiring and resulted in a richly layered experience and a book which exceeded my expectations. The warmth with which we were received gave me a whole new perspective on my idea of community and home. The images are but one aspect. The poetry, interviews, quotes, history, background pieces and graphic design all weave together to go some way to conveying the true texture of the experience' - Craig Fraser --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Craig Fraser is a freelance photographer specialising in interiors. His work has been published in several magazines, most notably Elle and House and Garden, and he is the author of Stylish Living in South Africa. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I bought Shack Chic as a "souvenir" after spending a summer working in the Cape Town townships with the youth there - I cannot think of a better object to take home and represent to my friends and family Cape Town's townships and South Africa as a nation. This photo-essay book,

with brilliant colors and spectacular images, is a testament to the strength of South Africans and their innovation and resourcefulness even in the most destitute of living conditions. Portrays poverty in the post-Apartheid era not as the romanticized victimization of people but the hopeful and persevering will of humankind to live with dignity.

This book is a wonderful coffee table book. The photos are stunning--on par with those found in National Geographic. Pictures of the inside of one- and two-room "shacks" found in "squatter camps" of South Africa fill the book, including brief quotes from shack inhabitants. We bought this book as a "thank you" for family after living in South Africa for a few years. For anyone that is interested in photography, interior design or lifestyles of the poor in Southern Africa, this book is for you. It's worth every penny.

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